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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on July 29, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I, claims 3, 5, 7-9, and 19-27, as directed to SEQ ID NO:15. The election is made with traverse.

Applicants note that nucleic acid sequences encoding proteins and polypeptides having the sequence of SEQ ID NOS:3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19 are all contained in one contiguous grapevine leafroll virus (type 2) nucleic acid molecule. These nucleic acids, and the proteins that they encode, are all related to the 15.5 kb grapevine leafroll

virus (type 2) genomic sequence first described in the present application. Thus, examining these sequences together would not present an undue burden for the Examiner.

Enclosed is a petition to extend the period for replying to the Restriction Requirement for one month, to an including September 29, 2003, as well as a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the required fee. If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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